

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 3-6, 15-18, 27, 31-32, 40-41, and 49 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 13, 25, 28-29, 37-38, 46, and 47 are pending and under consideration, and indicated by the Examiner as containing allowable subject matter. (Action at page 3). Applicant appreciates the indication of allowance.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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